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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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ANGLE OF ROTATION, AND PHASE
DISPLACEMENT DEVICE FOR CARRYING
OUT SAID METHOD

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document, was cited as Category X and Category P (publication that was available before the PCT application date, but after the claimed priority date) with respect to claims 1 and 4-10. DE 41 22 391 A1 was cited as Category A with respect to claim 1.


Of the non-English language documents cited in the German Search Report, DE 29 22 501 C2, the entire document, was cited as Category Y with respect to claim 1. DE 196 00 853 A1, the entire document and claim 1, was cited as Category Y with respect to claim 1. DE 103 32 264 A1, the Abstract, was cited as Category X and Category E (earlier application) with respect to claim 5. DE 40 22 735 A1, the Abstract and entire document, was cited as Category X with respect to claims 1 and 5. WO 03/095803, page 7, paragraph 2, and the Abstract, was cited as Category Y with respect to claims 1 and 5. WO 01/11201, page 4, paragraph 4 and the claims, was cited as Category Y with respect to claim 1.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

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